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## **Summary**

The BOREAS TGB-7 team measured the concentration and flux of several agricultural pesticides in air, rainwater, and dry deposition samples in order to determine the associated yearly deposition rates. This data set contains information on the ambient air concentration of seven herbicides [2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), bromoxynil, dicamb, 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA), triallate, trifluralin, and diclop-methyl] known to appear in the atmosphere of the Canadian prairies. Also, the concentration of three herbicides (atrazine, alachlor, and metolachlor), two groups of insecticides (lindane and breakdown products and dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and breakdown products), and several polychlorinated biphenyls commonly used in the central United States was measured. All of these chemicals are reported, in the literature, to be transported in the atmosphere. Many have been reported to occur in boreal and arctic food chains. The sampling was carried out from 16-Jun to 13-Aug-1993 and 04-May to 20-Jul-1994 at the BOREAS site in the Prince Albert National Park (Waskesiu). The data are stored in tabular ASCII files.

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## **1. Data Set Overview**

### **1.1 Data Set Identification**

BOREAS TGB-07 Ambient Air Herbicide and Organochlorine Concentration Data

### **1.2 Data Set Introduction**

This data set contains herbicide and organochlorine concentrations in ambient air samples collected from Waskesiu.

### **1.3 Objective/Purpose**

The objective of this study was to measure the ambient air concentration of herbicides and organochlorines in the boreal forest at Waskesiu.

### **1.4 Summary of Parameters and Variables**

This data set contains herbicide and organochlorine concentrations in air samples collected Waskesiu.

### **1.5 Discussion**

The deposition into the boreal forest of seven herbicides [2,4-dichlorophenoxyacidic acid (2,4-D), bromoxynil, dicamba, 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA), triallate, trifluralin, and diclop-methyl] known to appear in the atmosphere of the Canadian prairies, three herbicides (atrazine, alachlor, and metolachlor) commonly used in the central United States, two groups of insecticides (lindane and breakdown products and dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and breakdown products), plus several polychlorinated biphenyls was measured. All of these chemicals are reported, in the literature, to be transported in the atmosphere. Many have been reported to occur in boreal and arctic food chains. The sampling was carried out at the BOREal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study (BOREAS) site in the Prince Albert National Park (PANP) (Waskesiu).

### **1.6 Related Data Sets**

BOREAS TGB-07 Dry Deposition Herbicide and Organochlorine Flux Data  
BOREAS TGB-07 Rainwater Herbicide and Organochlorine Concentration Data  
BOREAS TGB-09 Above-Canopy NMHC at SSA-OBS, SSA-OJP, and SSA-OA Sites  
BOREAS TGB-10 Volatile Organic Carbon Data over the SSA  
BOREAS TGB-10 Oxidant Concentration Data over the SSA  
BOREAS TGB-10 Oxidant Flux Data over the SSA

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### **3. Theory of Measurements**

Each sample consisted of approximately 2100 m<sup>3</sup> of air aspirated by a high-volume sampler (Model PS-1, General Metal Works, Village of Cleves, OH). The sampling unit consisted of a 102-mm-diameter borosilicate filter in front of a composite polyurethane foam (PUF)/XAD-2 resin plug (Cessna et al., 1997). The sampler operated continuously for 7 days for each sample.

### **4. Equipment**

#### **4.1 Sensor/Instrument Description**

##### **4.1.1 Collection Environment**

The data were collected under all environmental conditions.

##### **4.1.2 Source/Platform**

Ground.

##### **4.1.3 Source/Platform Mission Objectives**

None given.

##### **4.1.4 Key Variables**

The key variable is herbicide or organochlorine concentration in ambient air.

##### **4.1.5 Principles of Operation**

Ambient air samples were collected with a GM Manufacturing Company Hi-Volume sampler fitted with a glass fiber pre-filter and a composite PUF/XAD-2 resin cartridge. Air is drawn through the filtering unit by means of a vacuum pump. For this study, the pump operated continuously for 7-day sampling periods.

##### **4.1.6 Sensor/Instrument Measurement Geometry**

PUF Sampler: A high-volume air sampler collecting ambient concentrations of material on a sampling unit consisting of a glass fiber filter followed by a PUF plug and XAD-2 resin cartridge.

##### **4.1.7 Manufacturer of Sensor/Instrument**

None given.

#### **4.2 Calibration**

#### **4.2.1 Specifications**

The samplers operated 24 hours per day over each 7-day sampling period. The PUF samplers were calibrated to aspirate 2100 m<sup>3</sup> over the 7-day sampling period. The air flow through the PUF/XAD-2 sampling unit (12.5 m<sup>3</sup>/hr) was calibrated using a Sierra-Misco, Inc. (Berkeley, CA) orifice head and air flow was monitored during operation by integral Venturi/Magnahelic gauges. The PUF/XAD-2 sampling unit consisted of a borosilicate prefilter and 25 mL of XAD-2 resin sandwiched between two PUF plugs (Cessna et al., 1997).

##### **4.2.1.1 Tolerance**

None given.

##### **4.2.2 Frequency of Calibration**

None given.

##### **4.2.3 Other Calibration Information**

None.

## **5. Data Acquisition Methods**

The herbicide analyses were carried out at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Station at Regina, Saskatchewan, whereas insecticide and organochlorine analysis was carried out by the Environment Canada laboratory in Edmonton, Alberta. All residues were quantified and confirmed using a Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph equipped with a mass selective detector (GC-MSD).

#### **Extraction of PUF/XAD-2 Sampling Units:**

On alternate weeks, the PUF/XAD-2 sampling units were extracted for herbicide or for insecticide and organochlorine content. For herbicide analysis, the sampling unit was Soxhlet extracted for 8 h with acetone (Grover et al., 1994). The acetone extract was concentrated to ~0.5 mL using a rotary evaporator (water bath 30 °C) and then methylated with ethereal diazomethane. The methylated extract was subjected to Florisil column cleanup prior to analysis by GC-MSD. For insecticide and organochlorine analysis, the PUF sampling unit was Soxhlet extracted for 12 h with dichloromethane. The extract was concentrated using a rotary evaporator and then subjected to Florisil column cleanup prior to analysis by GC-MSD.

#### **Residue Analysis and Confirmation:**

The Hewlett-Packard GC-MSD system and operating conditions used for herbicide residue analysis have been described previously (Cessna et al., 1997). A similar GC-MSD system was used for insecticide and organochlorine analysis; however, the column employed was a 30 m x 0.25 mm I.D. Rtx-5 column (0.25-µm film thickness). For operation of the GC, helium was used as the carrier gas and the temperature program was initially held at 80 °C for 1 minute and then ramped to 200 °C at 15 °C/min; then it was held at 200 °C for 5 minutes, increased at 8 °C/min to 300 °C, and held for 10 minutes. A split/splitless injector was used in the splitless mode. Injection port and transfer line temperatures were 270 °C and 280 °C, respectively.

Depending on the compound, from two to four ions were monitored on the MSD. The presence of each compound was considered to be confirmed if all ions monitored were present, a peak appeared at the retention time ( $\pm 0.02$  min) obtained for a standard solution of the pesticide in the reconstructed chromatograms of all ions, and the peak area ratio was within 30% of the ratio obtained using a standard solution of the pesticide.



## 6. Observations

### 6.1 Data Notes

None.

### 6.2 Field Notes

None.

## 7. Data Description

### 7.1 Spatial Characteristics

#### 7.1.1 Spatial Coverage

The North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) coordinates for the Southern Study Area (SSA) measurement site are:

	Longitude	Latitude
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Waskesiu	106.067° W	53.917° N

#### 7.1.2 Spatial Coverage Map

None given.

#### 7.1.3 Spatial Resolution

The measurements were made at a single location in the SSA.

#### 7.1.4 Projection

Not applicable.

#### 7.1.5 Grid Description

Not applicable.

### 7.2 Temporal Characteristics

#### 7.2.1 Temporal Coverage

The data were collected from 16-Jun to 13-Aug-1993 and 04-May to 20-Jul-1994.

#### 7.2.2 Temporal Coverage Map

All the data were collected at the same location.

#### 7.2.3 Temporal Resolution

The samplers operated 24 hours per day over each 7-day sampling period.

### 7.3 Data Characteristics

### 7.3.1 Parameter/Variable

The parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name
SITE_NAME
SUB_SITE
START_DATE
END_DATE
BROMOXYNIL_CONC
DICAMBA_CONC
2,4-D_CONC
MCPA_CONC
DICLOFOP_CONC
TRIALATE_CONC
TRIFLURALIN_CONC
ALACHLOR_CONC
ATRAZINE_CONC
METOLACHLOR_CONC
ALPHA-HCH_CONC
GAMMA-HCH_CONC
4,4'-DDE_CONC
4,4'-DDD_CONC
4,4'-DDT_CONC
TETRACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
PENTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC
CRTFCN_CODE
REVISION_DATE

### 7.3.2 Variable Description/Definition

The descriptions of the parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Description
SITE_NAME	The identifier assigned to the site by BOREAS, in the format SSS-TTT-CCCC, where SSS identifies the portion of the study area: NSA, SSA, REG, TRN, and TTT identifies the cover type for the site, 999 if unknown, and CCCC is the identifier for site, exactly what it means will vary with site type.
SUB_SITE	The identifier assigned to the sub-site by BOREAS, in the format GGGGG-IIIII, where GGGGG is the group associated with the sub-site instrument, e.g. HYD06 or STAFF, and IIIII is the identifier for sub-site, often this will refer to an instrument.
START_DATE	The date on which the collection of data commenced.
END_DATE	The date on which the collection of the data was

BROMOXYNIL_CONC	terminated.
DICAMBA_CONC	Concentration of bromoxynil.
2,4-D_CONC	Concentration of dacamba.
MCPA_CONC	Concentration of 2,4-DICHLOROPHENOXYACIDIC_ACID.
DICLOFOP_CONC	Concentration of MCPA.
TRIALATE_CONC	Concentration of diclofop.
TRIFLURALIN_CONC	Concentration of triallate.
ALACHLOR_CONC	Concentration of trifluralin.
ATRAZINE_CONC	Concentration of alachlor.
METOLACHLOR_CONC	Concentration of atrazine.
ALPHA-HCH_CONC	Concentration of metolachlor.
GAMMA-HCH_CONC	Concentration of alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane.
4,4'-DDE_CONC	Concentration of gamma-hexachlorocyclohexane.
4,4'-DDD_CONC	Concentration of 4,4' DDE.
4,4'-DDT_CONC	Concentration of 4,4' DDD.
TETRACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of 4,4' DDT.
PENTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of tetrachloro-biphenyl.
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of pentachloro-biphenyl
OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of hexachloro-biphenyl.
DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of octachloro-biphenyl.
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Concentration of dichloro-biphenyl.
CRTFCN_CODE	Concentration of trichloro-biphenyl.
	The BOREAS certification level of the data.
	Examples are CPI (Checked by PI), CGR (Certified by Group), PRE (Preliminary), and CPI-??? (CPI but questionable).
REVISION_DATE	The most recent date when the information in the referenced data base table record was revised.

### 7.3.3 Unit of Measurement

The measurement units for the parameters contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Units
SITE_NAME	[none]
SUB_SITE	[none]
START_DATE	[DD-MON-YY]
END_DATE	[DD-MON-YY]
BROMOXYNIL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
DICAMBA_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
2,4-D_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
MCPA_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
DICLOFOP_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
TRIALATE_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
TRIFLURALIN_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
ALACHLOR_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
ATRAZINE_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
METOLACHLOR_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
ALPHA-HCH_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
GAMMA-HCH_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
4,4'-DDE_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
4,4'-DDD_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
4,4'-DDT_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
TETRACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]

PENTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	[picograms] [meter <sup>-3</sup> ]
CRTFCN_CODE	[none]
REVISION_DATE	[DD-MON-YY]

### 7.3.4 Data Source

The sources of the parameter values contained in the data files on the CD-ROM are:

Column Name	Data Source
SITE_NAME	Assigned by BORIS Staff
SUB_SITE	Assigned by BORIS Staff
END_DATE	Investigator
BROMOXYNIL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
DICAMBA_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
2,4-D_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
MCPA_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
DICLOFOP_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
TRIALATE_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
TRIFLURALIN_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
ALACHLOR_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
ATRAZINE_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
METOLACHLOR_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
ALPHA-HCH_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
GAMMA-HCH_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
4,4'-DDE_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
4,4'-DDD_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
4,4'-DDT_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
TETRACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
PENTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC	Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph
CRTFCN_CODE	Assigned by BORIS Staff
REVISION_DATE	Assigned by BORIS Staff

### 7.3.5 Data Range

The following table gives information about the parameter values found in the data files on the CD-ROM.

Column Name	Minimum Data Value	Maximum Data Value	Missng Data Value	Unrel Data Value	Below Detect Limit	Data Not Clctd
SITE_NAME	SSA-999-WSK05	SSA-999-WSK05	None	None	None	None
SUB_SITE	TGB07-CON01	TGB07-CON01	None	None	None	None
START_DATE	16-JUN-93	13-JUL-94	None	None	None	None
END_DATE	21-JUN-93	20-JUL-94	None	None	None	None
BROMOXYNIL_CONC	13	139	-999	None	-777	None
DICAMBA_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
2,4-D_CONC	69	243	-999	None	-777	None

MCPA_CONC	16	16	-999	None	-777	None
DICLOFOP_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
TRIALATE_CONC	35	344	-999	None	-777	None
TRIFLURALIN_CONC	61	658	-999	None	-777	None
ALACHLOR_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
ATRAZINE_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
METOLACHLOR_CONC	26	27	-999	None	-777	None
ALPHA-HCH_CONC			-999	None	None	None
GAMMA-HCH_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
4,4'-DDE_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
4,4'-DDD_CONC	8.98	48.87	-999	None	-777	None
4,4'-DDT_CONC			-999	None	-777	None
TETRACHLORO-	48	48	-999	None	-777	None
BIPHENYL_CONC						
PENTACHLORO-	8	11	-999	None	-777	None
BIPHENYL_CONC						
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_	28	28	-999	None	-777	None
CONC						
OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_			-999	None	-777	None
CONC						
DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_	10.47	10.47	-999	None	-777	None
CONC						
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_			-999	None	-777	None
CONC						
CRTFCN_CODE	CPI	CPI	None	None	None	None
REVISION_DATE	28-AUG-98	28-AUG-98	None	None	None	None

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Minimum Data Value -- The minimum value found in the column.

Maximum Data Value -- The maximum value found in the column.

Missng Data Value -- The value that indicates missing data. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Unrel Data Value -- The value that indicates unreliable data. This is used to indicate an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the value was deemed to be unreliable by the analysis personnel.

Below Detect Limit -- The value that indicates parameter values below the instruments detection limits. This is used to indicate that an attempt was made to determine the parameter value, but the analysis personnel determined that the parameter value was below the detection limit of the instrumentation.

Data Not Cllctd -- This value indicates that no attempt was made to determine the parameter value. This usually indicates that BORIS combined several similar but not identical data sets into the same data base table but this particular science team did not measure that parameter.

Blank -- Indicates that blank spaces are used to denote that type of value.

N/A -- Indicates that the value is not applicable to the respective column.

None -- Indicates that no values of that sort were found in the column.

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## 7.4 Sample Data Record

The following are wrapped versions of data record from a sample data file on the CD-ROM.

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SITE_NAME, SUB_SITE, START_DATE, END_DATE, BROMOXYNIL_CONC, DICAMBA_CONC, 2, 4-D_CONC,
MCPA_CONC, DICLOFOP_CONC, TRIALLATE_CONC, TRIFLURALIN_CONC, ALACHLOR_CONC,
ATRAZINE_CONC, METOLACHLOR_CONC, ALPHA-HCH_CONC, GAMMA-HCH_CONC, 4, 4'-DDE_CONC,
4, 4'-DDD_CONC, 4, 4'-DDT_CONC, TETRACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC, PENTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC,
HEXACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC, OCTACHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC, DICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC,
TRICHLORO-BIPHENYL_CONC, CRTFCN_CODE, REVISION_DATE
'SSA-999-WSK05', 'TGB07-CON01', 16-JUN-93, 21-JUN-93, -777.0, -777.0, -777.0, 16.0,
-999.0, -777.0, -777.0, -999.0, -999.0, -999.0, , , , , , , , , , , 'CPI', 16-APR-97
'SSA-999-WSK05', 'TGB07-CON01', 21-JUN-93, 25-JUN-93, -777.0, -777.0, -777.0, -777.0,
-777.0, 96.0, -777.0, -777.0, -999.0, -777.0, , , , , , , , , , , 'CPI', 16-APR-97
'SSA-999-WSK05', 'TGB07-CON01', 28-JUN-93, 02-JUL-93, , , , , , , , , , -999.0, -999.0,
-777.0, -999.0, -999.0, -999.0, -999.0, -999.0, -999.0, , , , , 'CPI', 16-APR-97
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## 8. Data Organization

### 8.1 Data Granularity

The smallest unit of data tracked by BORIS was the herbicide concentration in the air sample for a given site in a given sampling period.

### 8.2 Data Format(s)

The Compact Disk-Read-Only Memory (CD-ROM) files contain American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) numerical and character fields of varying length separated by commas. The character fields are enclosed with single apostrophe marks. There are no spaces between the fields.

Each data file on the CD-ROM has four header lines of Hyper-Text Markup Language (HTML) code at the top. When viewed with a Web browser, this code displays header information (data set title, location, date, acknowledgments, etc.) and a series of HTML links to associated data files and related data sets. Line 5 of each data file is a list of the column names, and line 6 and following lines contain the actual data.

## 9. Data Manipulations

### 9.1 Formulae

#### 9.1.1 Derivation Techniques and Algorithms

None given.

### 9.2 Data Processing Sequence

#### 9.2.1 Processing Steps

None given.

#### 9.2.2 Processing Changes

None given.

### 9.3 Calculations

### **9.3.1 Special Corrections/Adjustments**

None given.

### **9.3.2 Calculated Variables**

None given.

### **9.4 Graphs and Plots**

None given.

## **10. Errors**

### **10.1 Sources of Error**

Irreproducible packing of the XAD-2 resin column.

### **10.2 Quality Assessment**

Standard laboratory procedures involving blanks, spikes and replicates.

#### **10.2.1 Data Validation by Source**

None given.

#### **10.2.2 Confidence Level/Accuracy Judgment**

None given.

#### **10.2.3 Measurement Error for Parameters**

None given.

#### **10.2.4 Additional Quality Assessments**

None given.

#### **10.2.5 Data Verification by Data Center**

The data were examined for general consistency and clarity.

## **11. Notes**

### **11.1 Limitations of the Data**

None given.

### **11.2 Known Problems with the Data**

None given.

### **11.3 Usage Guidance**

None given.

### **11.4 Other Relevant Information**

None given.

## **12. Application of the Data Set**

The data can be used to quantify the trace organic contaminants entering the site from atmospheric transport and identify chemicals that require further research.

## **13. Future Modifications and Plans**

None given.

## **14. Software**

### **14.1 Software Description**

None given.

### **14.2 Software Access**

None given.

## **15. Data Access**

The ambient air herbicide and organochlorine concentration data are available from the Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC).

### **15.1 Contact Information**

For BOREAS data and documentation please contact:

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### **15.2 Data Center Identification**

Earth Observing System Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC) for Biogeochemical Dynamics  
<http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/>.

### **15.3 Procedures for Obtaining Data**

Users may obtain data directly through the ORNL DAAC online search and order system [<http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/>] and the anonymous FTP site [<ftp://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/data/>] or by contacting User Services by electronic mail, telephone, fax, letter, or personal visit using the contact information in Section 15.1.

### **15.4 Data Center Status/Plans**

The ORNL DAAC is the primary source for BOREAS field measurement, image, GIS, and hardcopy data products. The BOREAS CD-ROM and data referenced or listed in inventories on the CD-ROM are available from the ORNL DAAC.



## **16. Output Products and Availability**

### **16.1 Tape Products**

None.

### **16.2 Film Products**

None.

### **16.3 Other Products**

These data are available on the BOREAS CD-ROM series.

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### **17.3 Archive/DBMS Usage Documentation**

None.

## **18. Glossary of Terms**

None given.

## **19. List of Acronyms**

ASCII	- American Standard for Information Interchange
BOREAS	- BOReal Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study
BORIS	- BOREAS Information System
CD-ROM	- Compact Disk-Read-Only Memory
DAAC	- Distributed Active Archive Center
EOS	- Earth Observing System
EOSDIS	- EOS Data and Information System
GC-MSD	- Gas Chromatograph - Mass Selective Detector
GIS	- Geographic Information System
GSFC	- Goddard Space Flight Center
HTML	- HyperText Markup Language
NASA	- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NMHC	- Nonmethane Hydrocarbon
NSA	- Northern Study Area
OA	- Old Aspen
OBS	- Old Black Spruce
OJP	- Old Jack Pine
ORNL	- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PANP	- Prince Albert National Park
PUF	- Polyurethane Foam
SSA	- Southern Study Area
TGB	- Trace Gas Biogeochemistry
URL	- Uniform Resource Locator

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